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Inventor(s): Sean W. Tucker

Confirmation No.: 1119

Application No.: 10/751,233

Examiner: R. M. Flandro

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Group Art Unit: 3679

Title: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR BI-DIRECTIONAL ACCESS TO A FASTENING DEVICE

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Respectfully submitted,

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**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

This paper is presented in response to the Office Action dated November 2, 2004, finally rejecting claims 1 – 8. Applicant respectfully requests that the amendment to claim 1 below be entered under 37 C.F.R. §1.116 as the amendment does not raise a need for further searching or examination.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 4 of this paper.

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